

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Raymond C. Harter was born on December 24, 1904, to William and Adeline Harter, on a farm near Canova, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Raymond married Irene May Jones on July 22, 1931, and to this union three daughters were born, Ruby, Joyce, and Lavonne, who blessed them with nine grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Raymond will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

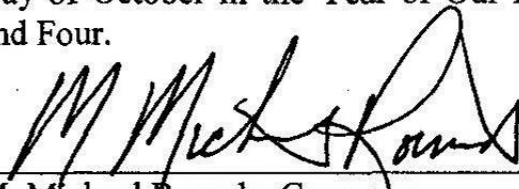
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 24, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State